



Docket No. 72243-A-PCT-US/JPW/GJG

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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Higgins et al.

Serial No.: 09/508,979

Examiner: C. Collins

Filed : May 10, 2000

Art Unit: 1638

For : METHOD FOR ALTERING STORAGE ORGAN COMPOSITION

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the decision of the Examiner mailed January 30, 2004 finally rejecting the pending claims 1-2, 4-6, 8, 11-57, 65, 67-69, 86-94, and 96-115 in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants filed on July 23, 2004 a Petition for a second and third-month extension of time in which to respond to the January 30, 2004 Office Action. With a second and a third-month extension of time, a response to the January 30, 2004 Office Action is July 30, 2004. Therefore, the subject application is pending on July 30, 2004 and this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$330.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed.

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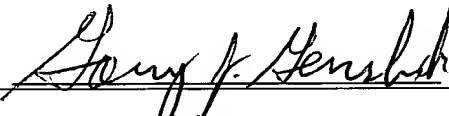
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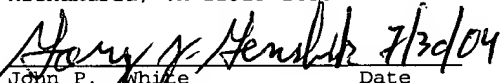
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No fee, other than the \$330.00 fee for filing a Notice of Appeal, is deemed necessary. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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